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Much Hostility Is Manifested in
the House Against the
Service.

NOT A PARTY QUESTION

Democrats and Republicans on
Both Sides—Virginia Mem-
bers All Favorable.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.—The New Orleans fast mail was quite sharply attacked in the House to-day by Democrats and Republicans alike, and the trend of feeling appeared to be clearly against voting the special appropriation of \$142,000 for a continuance of the service. The members of the Pennsylvania delegation who have heretofore supported the measure held hands off in to-day's discussion in view of the fact that the Pennsylvania Railroad, which was a beneficiary under the old appropriation, is not included in the present appropriation.

The loss of this support is keenly felt by the friends of the subsidy, as it played no inconsiderable part in putting the measure through, though they have by no means abandoned hope of its retention in the bill as reported to the House.

MINORITY HOSTILITY.
A circumstance which operates severely against favorable action by the House, however, is the manifest hostility of the members of the minority to the appropriation. In this they are sustaining the officials of the Postoffice Department, who are also opposed to the subsidy and have recommended its discon-

tinuation.

Several of the Democratic members whose district the subsidized service traverses have likewise raised their voices in opposition to it, to support it is receiving, coming chiefly from Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Representative Williams, leader of the minority, who makes no concealment of his hostility to the subsidy, said to-day that the indications were that it would be defeated in the House to-morrow, when it will come up for a vote, though he was not at all sanguine about the ultimate result.

"The friends of the subsidy have once before succeeded in getting it put back into the bill," said he, "and I have no doubt that they will yet be able to command enough strength in the Senate to restore it, should it be stricken out by the House."

Virginia Members Favorable.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—All the Virginia members of Congress are in favor of the item in the past appropriation bill which provides for the payment of \$142,000 to the Southern Railway for a fast mail service from Washington to New Orleans except Mr. Jones and Mr. Hixey. Representative Lubbock, a few minutes after his arrival to the House to-day from Richmond, became engaged in a colloquy with Mr. Robinson, Indiana Democrat, who was opposing the item. Mr. Gaines, a Tennessee Democrat, denominated a steel Southern member quite generally in favor of the bill, and the northern members also want the appropriation made.

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Official Range and Sale of Stocks in New York**SOME DEMAND
FOR STOCK**

The Northern Securities Decision, However, Still Ruled the Market.

ATTEMPT TO LIFT PRICES

Restored Confidence in the Foreign Market Was a Favoring Influence.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, March 14.—The stock market to-day, under the domination of Northern Securities case, and the movement of the same in the courts, was showing a considerable short interest still remaining uncovered as a consequence of short sales made in anticipation of the decision. Professional operations were directed toward the short interest and a decided rise in price was made as a result of the necessities of the uncovered shorts. There were some compression houses which reported an appreciable increase in the outside demand for stocks, but this was small and was evidently the result of the principal being sold out.

Another decidedly favorable influence was the restored confidence manifested in foreign stock markets.

In most of the international exchanges, however, was definitely against New York, the fall in sterling in Paris and the rise here both reducing the margin lacking for a profit on the export of gold from here to Paris.

In contrast to the sharp drop in the tide balance in our favor shown by the February foreign trade statement, and the payment for the Panama Canal still to be financed, this development may have growing importance.

United States preferred failed to rally significantly until just at the last to reflect the improved conditions in the trade indicated by the advance in the prices for several lines of finished products. Reports of a closing in with the result of the sale of all the an-estimated amount had a chilling effect on the market. The reactionary tendency of securities connected with the Northern Securities Company was of sympathetic effect on the general market. The day's gains were largely wiped out by the final gains and the closing was irregular.

Bonds are irregular. Total sales, par value, \$4,720,000.

United States twos advanced 1-2; the three registered; the old fours, registered, and new fours, registered, 1-4; the old fours, coupon 3-4, and the new fours, coupon 1-8.

Total sales were 503,700 shares.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Close Money call entry was \$3,500 per unit on the day before yesterday, while spot, 1-2 to 3-2 less per cent.; ninety days 2 to 3-3; six months 2-3 to 4-4. Prime mercantile paper 1-4 to 2-4. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers bills at \$15,000 to \$4,500 for documentary bills. Forward rates \$4,500 less 2 days, \$4,484 less 1-2 to \$4,500 and \$4,472 less 2 to \$4,500. Commercial bills 3-4 to \$4,500. Bar silver 55 7-8. Mexican dollars 44-1-2.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., March 16, 1904.

RAILROAD BONDS

Virginia-Carolina Co. preferred-sold at 100 1/4; 7 shares at 101 1/2.

STATE SECURITIES

Bond, Asked, North Carolina ex. C. 1210, 100 1/2; North Carolina and C. & R. 1522, 100 1/2; Va. Centrals 2-8, C. & R. 1001, 100 1/2; Va. CITY SECURITIES

Richmond City is. 192-193, 100 1/2...

RAILROAD BONDS

Atlanta and Charlotte 100 1/2; Atlantic Coast Line 100 1/2; Atlantic Coast Line, pfd. 100 1/2; Atlantic Coast Line, pfd. 100 1/2; Atlanta and Charl. 100 1/2; Georgia and Fla. Lin. 100 1/2;

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WIRELESS
A. T. & T. Corp. 100 1/2; Bell Tel. 100 1/2; Western Union 100 1/2; American 100 1/2; Radios 100 1/2;

INSURANCE COMPANIES
Virginia Fire and Marine 492; Massachusetts

Consolidated Tok. & Ins. bonds 100 1/2;

Life & Acc. 100 1/2;

Health & Acc. 100 1/2;

Accident & Health 100 1/2;

Fire & Acc. 100 1/2;

C. & A. 100 1/2;

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